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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 13, 2017 at 3:30 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland, (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Llew Jones (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 232, 2/7/2017; HB 248, 2/8/2017
Executive Action: SB 159, Do Pass

00:00:30 Chair Salomon

HEARING ON HB 232

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:50 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 232, Revise laws for dual enrollment at community colleges.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:02 Ed Barlett, Montana Community Colleges (MTCC)

00:07:40 John Cech, deputy commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:08:51 Eric Feaver, Montana Education Association and the Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:10:06 Sen. Regier left the hearing.

00:11:00 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Contractors' Association

00:12:57 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:13:52 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:16 Sen. Facey

00:16:12 Mr. Cech, OCHE

00:17:03 Sen. Facey

00:18:28 Mr. Feaver, MEA-MFT

00:19:30 Sen. Facey

00:19:53 Chair Salomon

00:20:03 Rep. Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:12 Rep. Holmlund

00:20:55 Mr. Bartlett, MTCC

00:21:48 Chair Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159

00:22:33 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 159 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:23:23 Sen. Facey
00:23:39 Sen. McClafferty

00:23:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-0 by voice vote. Sen. L. Jones and Sen. K. Regier were excused.

00:23:55 Chair Salomon

00:24:41 Brief Recess
00:26:50 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:12 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 248, Revise anti-bullying laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:27 Sen. Facey
00:30:16 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:52 Rep. Dudik
00:31:31 Chair Salomon

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:10 PM

Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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